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Country: USSR

Subject: Reported Construction Work on the Baltic-White Sea Canal

Place Acquired:

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Date of Info: March - April 1953

Source:

1. "Large-scale construction and extension work has been underway along the whole stretch of the Baltic-White Sea Canal since March 1953. This information is dated late April.

2. On the section between Leningrad and Vozneseneye, the preparatory work is underway for deepening the Svir River and the Onega Canal. On the northern part of the Canal, between Povenets and Belomorsk such work was already in full swing in March.

3. The port of Povenets is being linked with the railway station at Medvezheyegorsk by a four-track railway line.

4. The stretch of the canal between Povenets and Morskaya Maselga is being prepared for widening and deepening. This will allow passage through the Canal of large naval vessels, such as cruisers and even battleships.

5. In the port of Povenets three underground pens for the Soviet Navy are under construction. They are being built of reinforced concrete and will be covered by a layer of about 20 meters of soil.

6. In the port of Nadvoitsy an underground pen for submarines and smaller naval vessels is being built. It is connected by a canal with the main Baltic-White Sea Canal.

7. Both ports, Povenets and Nadvoitsy, are completely isolated from the surrounding areas and have no civilian population. Around the port of Nadvoitsy, making a belt of about two to five kilometers, there are permanent, concrete, anti-aircraft artillery gun emplacements."

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